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ABSTRACT

Bunkered/Hard

- 1. This report describes two probable Soviet General Staff-related communications facilities, Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Transmitting Station/Bunkered/Hard and Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Station/Bunkered/Hard. The transmitting station contains an antenna field with aboveground high-frequency (HF) antennas, eight hardened antennas, a central control area, an administration and support area, and a construction support area. The propagation azimuths of many of the aboveground HF antennas are toward other facilities probably associated with the Soviet General Staff command and control system such as Military District Headquarters, Group of Forces Headquarters, and the national command authority at Moscow. Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Station/Bunkered/Hard is similar to the transmitting station except it contains no aboveground HF antenna field. Its hardened antennas are oriented approximately the same as those at the transmitting station. Both of these facilities were observed in an early stage of construction in late September 1969, which is about the same general time as the reported reorganization of the Soviet General Staff communications system.
 - 2. This report includes a location map, annotated photographs, and data on antennas.

INTRODUCTION

3. The Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Transmitting Station/Bunkered/Hard is situated 23 nautical miles (nm) north-northeast of Brest, USSR (Figure 1). The Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Station/Bunkered/Hard is 15 nm north-northeast of Brest and 8 nm south-southwest of the Brest transmitting station.

4. Photographic evidence indicates that since the mid-1960's hardened
communications facilities have been extensively deployed in the Soviet Union
A number of these facilities are believed to be part of the Soviet General Staff command and control
A number of these facilities are believed to be part of the solid facilities are expensive operational
system, which was reportedly 4 reorganized in 1968. Some of the facilities are apparently operational
1 and a construction All including those described in this report, are in areas
C 1: L williams command significance such as Military District Headquarters, Groups of Forces
Headquarters, and frontal commands. All contain one bunker and at least one hardened (subsurface)
Some contain aboveground permanently emplaced HF antennas.

BASIC DESCRIPTION

Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Transmitting Station/Bunkered/Hard

- The transmitting station (Figure 2) consists of an antenna field containing aboveground
 permanently emplaced HF antennas, eight hardened (subsurface) antennas, a central control area,
 an administration and support area for permanently assigned personnel, and a construction support
 area.
- 6. The aboveground HF antenna field contains 14 double rhombic antennas, 16 dipole antennas, and four quadrant antennas. The capability of this HF antenna complement is extensive, both in frequency and range. It can transmit locally in an omnidirectional mode as well as point-to-point over intermediate and long distances. The propagation azimuths of many of the antennas are oriented toward other facilities probably associated with the Soviet General Staff command and control system, such as Military District Headquarters, Groups of Forces Headquarters, and the national command authority at Moscow.
- 7. The hardened antennas are arranged in four day/night pairs. Their azimuths are the same as those of some of the double rhombic and dipole antennas. No triple junction boxes such as have been observed at the hardened antennas at several HF national-level command and control transmitting facilities have been observed at the hardened antennas. 5 Whether this indicates that

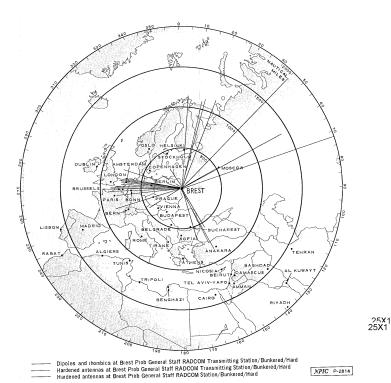


FIGURE 1. FORWARD PROPAGATION AZIMUTHS FOR BREST PROBABLE GENERAL STAFF RADCOM STATIONS/BUNKERED/HARD. Lengths of azimuth lines are not indicative of propagation range.

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Table 1. Data on HF Antennas at Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Transmitting
Station/Bunkered/Hard (Item numbers are keyed to Figure 2)

Item	Type of Anetnna	Soviet Designator	Frequency Range (MHz)	
1	Double rhombic	RGD <u>65</u> .0.6 2.8	4.5 - 9.37	
2	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .1	2.67 - 6.88	
3	Double rhombic	RGD <u>65</u> .0.6	4.2 - 10.5	
4	Double rhombic	RGD <u>65</u> .0.6	6.0 - 15.0	
5	Double rhombic	RGD <u>65</u> .0.6	4.5 - 9.37	
6	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .0.5	2.76 - 6.88	
7	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .0.5	2,76 - 6.88	
8	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .0.5	6.63 - 16.52	
9	Double rhombic	RGD <u>65</u> .0.6	4.2 - 10.5	
10	Shunted dipole	VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
11	Shunted dipole	VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
12	Shunted dipole	20 VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
13	Shunted dipole	20 VGDsh <u>12.5</u> .d	3.84 - 12.0	
14	Shunted dipole	18 VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
15	Shunted dipole	20 VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
16	Shunted dipole	20 VGDsh <u>12.5</u> .d	3.84 - 12.0	
17	Shunted dipole	13 VGDsh <u>16</u> .d	3.0 - 9.37	
18	Shunted dipole	15 VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
19	Shunted dipole	30 VGDsh <u>12.5</u> .d	3.84 - 12.0	
20	Shunted dipole	30 VGDsh <u>8</u> .d	6.0 - 18.7	
21	Shunted dipole	15 VGDsh 12.5 .d	3.84 - 12.0	
22	Shunted dipole	14		
		VGDsh 13.5 d	Unknown	
23	Shunted dipole	VGDsh 12.5 .d	3.84 - 12.0	
24	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .0.5 1.7	3.67 - 9.16	
25	Dual shunted angle dipole	VGDsh-2U <u>12</u> .d 20	Unknown	
26	Shunted dipole	VGDsh <u>12.5</u> .d	3.84 - 12.0	
27	Shunted dipole	VGDsh $\frac{12.5}{14}$.d	3.84 - 12.0	
28	Shunted dipole	VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
29	Shunted dipole	VGDsh <u>25</u> .d	1.91 - 6.0	
30	Shunted dipole	VGDsh <u>20</u> .d	Unknown	
31	Dual shunted angle dipole	VGDsh-2U <u>25</u> .d	Unknown	
32	Dual shunted angle dipole	VGDsh-2U 12 15	Unknown	
33	Dual shunted angle dipole	VGDsh-2U <u>25</u> .d	Unknown	
34	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .0.5	6.63 - 16.52	
35	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .0.5	2.76 - 6.88	
36	Double rhombic	RGD <u>57</u> .0.5	2.76 - 6.88	
37	Double rhombic	1.7 RGD <u>57</u> .0.5 1.7	6.63 - 16.52	

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e hardened antennas at Brest are for receiving, transceiving, or transmitting only cannot be retained from photography.5	Brest Probable General Staff RADCOM Station/Bunkered/Hard			
8. The central control area contains a rectangular bunker	11. This station (Figure 3) is very similar to the Brest transmitting stat during the same general period; however, it contains no aboveground HF			
9. The administration and support area contains one administration building, two barracks uildings, one messhall, and three other support buildings. The construction support area contains ne probable administration building, three barracks, one messhall, and five other support buildings.	12. The eight hardened antennas are arranged in four day/night pairs, and their azimuths of propagation are approximately the same as at the transmitting station. Slight differences in azimuth are probably attributable to photographic interpretability, which was limited by vegetation and certain cultural features.			
10. The transmitting station was first observed in an early stage of construction in late September 369, which is within the general period of the reported reorganization ⁴ of the Soviet General Staff minimunications system.	13. The control area contains a rectangular bunker	25. 25.		
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- 14. The administration and support area contains one administration building, five barracks buildings, one messhall, and ten other support buildings.
- 15. The construction support area contains one administration building, five barracks buildings, one messhall, and 12 other support buildings.
- 16. The absence of aboveground HF antennas at this facility is not understood at this time. It is possible that the facility is served by a remote antenna field or by mobile deployed communications equipment; neither possibility can be confirmed or denied from available photography.

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